

EXHIBIT 1

DECLARATION

I, Paul L. Vance, Superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS"), hereby declare as follows:

This Declaration is provided in support of the Comments of Network for Instructional TV, Inc. ("NITV") to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission on February 22, 2001 in ET Docket No. 00-258 and RM-9920, the proceeding considering whether the Commission should allocate additional spectrum for advanced wireless services, including Third Generation mobile services.

DCPS has used Instructional Television Fixed Service ("ITFS") channels licensed to NITV for distance-learning for students and in-service training for teachers and administrators since 1986. These instructional channels, and the services NITV provides in conjunction with these channels, are a valuable resource for our school system. Thus, we oppose any change or limitation in the spectrum allocated to ITFS and the Multipoint Distribution Service that would interfere with these longstanding educational services.

NITV presently provides DCPS with two channels of video programming that originate at the District's Penn Center media facility and are transmitted to 78 of the District's public schools. One channel is provided for Kindergarten through 6th grade students and the other for students in grade levels 7 through 12. The educational and instructional programming for these channels is derived from a variety of national curriculum libraries, including NITV's VideoFirst library. The instructional channels are significant in our formal curriculum planning. Indeed, the school system employs a director of ITFS services to ensure that the instructional programming schedule is fully coordinated with our curriculum and each program part of a detailed lesson plan. The director of ITFS services produces a program schedule for each semester containing the transmission times and suggested grade level for each educational program or series, after communicating with our Curriculum Division, and other teachers and administrators to assess students' programming needs. We also conduct workshops on instructional television utilization so that our teachers are able to make the fullest use possible of our ITFS channels.

DCPS also makes extensive use of the ITFS channels for staff training. For example, we regularly provide training to our principals and assistant principals using the instructional channels, permitting administrative staff to take advantage of the training with minimal disruption of daily responsibilities at the "home" school. The capability to produce distance learning in-house provided by the microwave link between the District's Penn Center media facility and the ITFS transmitters has proven invaluable. For example, in 1999, the school system was required to provide conflict resolution, multicultural education and diverse population strategies training to every one of its teachers and administrators in connection with a civil rights compliance agreement. Rather than being forced to expend substantial resources for separate training sessions in numerous locations, the school system was able to provide the required training to approximately 8,000 staff members using the ITFS channels. The centralized training

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Victor Onyeoziri, with the law firm of Rini, Coran & Lancellotta, P.C., do hereby certify that the foregoing "Comments of Network for Instructional TV, Inc." was served on the below listed parties by Hand Delivery this 22nd day of February 2001.

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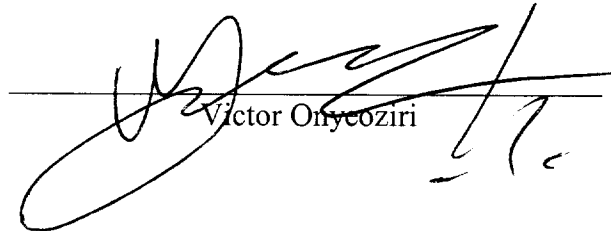
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